

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

DATE: 5-17-68

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To stimulate public cooperation and possibly elicit pertinent information from individuals motivated by financial rewards, it is being suggested that information on the substantial financial rewards offered in the Murkin case be emphasized through nationwide publicity. The rewards are for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Dr. King's killer.

Contact today with the Memphis Office reflects there is a current known total of \$100,000 in outstanding rewards. The "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers have each offered \$25,000, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000. This compilation was set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal." Although there have been rumors of additional rewards by such organizations as the SCLC, these are apparently without foundation.

A proposed letter to all SACs is attached, instructing each office to discreetly remind their news contacts of the existence of the substantial rewards as an additional step in eliciting public cooperation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter to SAC, Albany, with copies to all other offices and Legats, be approved.

Enclosure sent 5-21-68

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure

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